

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Ohio

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO  
WEST. DIV. DAYTONIn the Matter of the Search of  
(Briefly describe the property to be searched  
or identify the person by name and address)Priority Mail Express Tracking Number  
EI020321242US  
postmarked September 8, 2021

Case No. 3:21MJ339

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE  
ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

Priority Mail Express Package, EI020321242US, addressed to Rece Corral, PO Box 2280, North Hills, CA 91393, with a return address of Austin Gitziner, 107 S Montgomery St, Union, OH 45322.

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1)	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 U.S.C. 846	Conspiracy to distribute/possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 U.S.C. 843(b)	Use of a communication facility to commit a felony

The application is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
- ☐ Delayed notice of \_\_\_\_\_ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: \_\_\_\_\_) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Brad M Dorman

Applicant's signature

Brad M Dorman, U.S. Postal Inspector

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence via facetime.

Date: 9/9/21

City and state: Dayton, OH



Gitziner's signature

United States Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF  
**USPS Priority Mail Express Package**  
**Tracking Number EI020321242US**

Case No. **3:21MJ339**  
**Filed Under Seal**

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF**  
**AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, **Brad M Dorman**, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a United States Postal Inspector and have been since August 2017. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, Pittsburgh Division, with investigative responsibility for southeast Indiana and southern Ohio. Part of my responsibility involves investigating the use of the United States Mail in the transportation of narcotics, other dangerous controlled substances, and financial proceeds from, or instrumentalities used in, the sale of such narcotics and controlled substances (hereinafter, “Drugs and/or Proceeds”).

2. Based on my training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, I have become aware that drug traffickers frequently use United States Priority Mail Express (overnight) or Priority Mail (2-3-day) to transport Drugs and/or Proceeds. Additionally, as a result of prior investigations, law enforcement training, and successful controlled-substance prosecutions involving the use of the United States Mail, I have learned of certain common characteristics and/or circumstances that indicate that a package may contain Drugs and/or Proceeds. These circumstances and/or characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: the mailer uses different post offices on the same day to send packages, the return address is false or non-existent, the addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery address, the

package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, the labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanate from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

3. On September 8, 2021, I intercepted a package (hereinafter “the Package”) at the Dayton Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) in Dayton, Ohio. The Package is a Priority Mail Express box, bearing tracking number EI020321242US, postmarked September 8, 2021, with the following address information:

**Sender:** Austin Gitziner  
107 S Montgomery St  
Union, OH 45322

**Addressee:** Rece Corral  
PO Box 2280  
North Hills, CA 91393

Through training and experience as a Postal Inspector, I know that Southern California is known drug source location and recipient of narcotic proceeds.

4. I performed a check in CLEAR database for the addressee’s information on the Package of “Rece Corral, PO Box 2280, North Hills, CA 91393.” CLEAR is a law enforcement database that is used as a tool for investigators to identify person/business and address information. According to CLEAR, there is no “Rece Corral” associated with PO Box 2280, North Hills, CA 91393

5. I also performed a check in CLEAR for the sender’s information listed on the Package of “Austin Gitziner, 107 S Montgomery St, Union, OH 45322.” According to CLEAR, there is no “Austin Gitziner” associated with 107 S Montgomery St, Union, OH 45322.

6. On September 9, 2021, at my request, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Detective Anthony Hutson conducted a narcotics-detection canine "free air" check of the outside of the Package. I was present during said check. Prior to conducting the "free air" check, I placed the Package in a room with multiple similar and like packages. As set forth in the attached affidavit of Detective Hutson, "Hank" alerted positively for the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance on the Package. *See* Exhibit 1. "Hank" is a properly trained and certified narcotics-detection canine.

7. Based on my prior law enforcement training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, the Package's address information, including (i) no known association between the sender and return address, (ii) no known association between the addressee and recipient address, and (iii) the positive alert of the narcotics-detection canine are all indicative of and consistent with Drugs and/or Proceeds in the Package.

Therefore, a search warrant to open the Package is requested.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brad M Dorman*

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Brad M Dorman  
U.S. Postal Inspector  
United States Postal Inspection Service

9th September

Subscribed and sworn to and before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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HONORABLE SHARON L. OVINGTON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE





UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

## OFFICER AFFIDAVIT

I, Detective ANTHONY HUTSON, am and have been employed by the MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE since 1998. Among other duties, I am currently the assigned handler of narcotics detection canine "HANK" which is trained and certified in the detection of the presence or odor of narcotics described as follows:

Cocaine, Methamphetamine. Heroin and their derivatives

On 09/08/2021, at the request of Postal Inspector DORMAN, I responded to the DAYTON P&DC where "HANK" did alert to and indicate upon:

**USPS Priority Mail Express Tracking # E1020321242US**

TO: Rece Corral  
PO Box 2280  
North Hills, CA 91393

FROM: Austin Gitziner  
107 S Montgomery St  
Union, Ohio 45322

Which, based upon my training and experience and that of "HANK", indicates there is contained within or upon the above described item, the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance.

Daglu 101 9-8-21  
(Signature, Badge #, and Date)

[Signature] 9/8/2021  
(Witness/Date)

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